

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re the Application of:)	Group Art Unit: 3751
Ball)	Confirmation No.: 2017
Serial No.: 10/732,726)	Examiner: Robert M. Fetsuga
Filed: December 10, 2003)	
Atty. File No.: 5564-152)	<u>INTERVIEW SUMMARY</u>
Entitled: "Method and Apparatus for Assembling and Sealing Bathtub Overflow and Waste Water Ports")	<i>Electronically Submitted</i>

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

On September 22, 2010 an Interview was conducted among Examiner Fetsuga, Mr. Joe Kovarik and the undersigned regarding the above-identified patent application. Although no conclusion as to patentability of any of the claims was reached, various issues were discussed.

Initially, the Examiner pointed out that he believed an amendment to the specification may comprise new matter and asked for support for such amendment. It was pointed out to the Examiner that Fig. 4 was believed to supply the prerequisite support.

Claim 24 was also discussed in light of Ball '406, which was patented over prior art references of record in the instant application. Mr. Kovarik went into detail as to why Claim 24 and its progeny were allowable as they generally correspond to the claim of Ball '406. The Examiner agreed to review the claims and consider Mr. Kovarik's arguments.

Next, Gebert was discussed in detail, specifically, the single-piece nut and lug combination. The Examiner was pleased to see the "single-piece" language incorporated into Claims 11, 21 and 36. The Examiner noted, however, that the single-piece language was not found in Claim 24. Mr. Kovarik indicated that such language could be found in dependent Claim 27. Mr. Kovarik also alluded to the possibility of adding the language of Claim 27 to Claim 24, if needed.

Mr. Kovarik and the undersigned thank the Examiner for his time, and, as discussed at the interview, request that the Examiner contact Mr. Kovarik and/or Mr. Mueller before issuing a final rejection.

Respectfully submitted,

SHERIDAN ROSS P.C.

By: /C. W. Mueller/
Craig W. Mueller
Registration No. 33005
1560 Broadway, Suite 1200
Denver, Colorado 80202-5141
(303) 863-9700

Date: October 21, 2010